

Act made at Ellon the third day of April 1677 Years.



Asmuch as the *Act* of his Majesties privie Council, dated the seventh day of *December* last, did settle the prices of *Ale* and drinking *Beer*: so as there might be a due proportion betwixt the same and the prices of rough-*Beer*, and appointed the said *Act* to be put in execution, be the Commissioners of Excise in the severall Shires and Burghs: And the Brewers and Malmen within the same, to finde caution for their due observance thereof: Likeas the Brewers within the Shires of *Edinburgh* and *Haddington*, having made application and offer to the said Privie Council, and given Bond to pay no less then seven pounds Scots the boll, for all the *Beer* they shall buy of the Crops 1676. The Lords of his Majesties said Privie Council, have given licence and allowance to the saids Brewers, to sell the *Ale* and drinking-*Beer* at twenty pennies the pynt besids the Excise, as also, to sell double or three shilling *Ale*, and have authorized the saids Commissioners of Excise of the severall Shires and Burghs, to allow the same Latitude to all such as will make the like offer: And the Earle *Marischall*, the Earle of *Aboyne*, and Sir *Iohn Keith*, three of the Lords of the said Privie Council, being appointed to see the saids *Acts* receive due execution within the Shire of *Aberdeen*, and to procure the due observance thereof from the saids Commissioners, Malt men and Brewers; the said Privie Council, be two severall Letters direct to them, have authorized them and the saids Commissioners of Excise, to take that same course as to the Brewers and Malt-men, within the Shire of *Aberdeen*, and Burghs Royall of the same. And in case the saids Brewers and Malt-men, do not make offer of the price, and give Bond to that effect as aforesaid, have ordained the certification contained in the said *Act* of Council, and Proclamation following thereon to be put in execution, In pursuance whereof, and obedience to an Print *Advertisement* published through the whole Shire, the saids three Lords of Privie Council, and severall Commissioners of Excise, Barrons, and Heritors of the Shire, having convened here this day, and having read and perused the said *Act* of Council, and other *Acts* made in reference thereto, with the saids Letters and Commissions from the Privie Council, and strict Order therein contained, for putting the same to full execution; considering that they are strictly commanded and obliged to put the said *Acts* to all due execution, alsewell for any transgression thereof bypast, as what may be in tyme coming: Have resolved, (as in dutie they are tyed) to use their utmost endeavours thereanent; And for that effect, have Ordained their next Meeting to be at *Aberdeen*, the eighteenth day of *April* instant Requiring the whole Commissioners of Excise of the said Shyre, to be present at that Meeting, for giving their concurrence therein: And Ordaines the whole Heritors of the Shyre, betwixt and that tyme, to take notice of the Brewers within their respective Lands and Heritages, who have transgressed the saids *Acts* of Council, and to report faithfully thereanent to the said next Meeting at *Aberdeen*: And withall recommends to the saids severall Heritors, within whose Lands any Brewers are, to be ready against that tyme, to become bound as Cautioners for their saids Brewers, that they shall observe the saids *Acts* for the future: And in case, the Heritors and Masters of the saids Brewers, be unwilling to binde for them, Ordaines the Brewers themselves to be present at the said Meeting, with other sufficient caution, declaring that all those who shall be absent, shall be repute and holden breakers, and contumacious contemners of the said *Act* of Council; and that thir presens shall extend alsewell to Malt-men as Brewers, and these within Burghs Royall, as without the same. And in respect, the Lords of his Majesties Privie Council, have been so carefull for the good of his Majesties Subjects, It is expected, that both Commissioners and Heritors will to their uttermost power endeavour the prosecution of the saids *Acts*, under the certifications contained in the same *Acts* and Proclamations, and power granted by the said Privie Council: Lykeas, The Lords and Commissioners foresaids, continues any thing relating to the Excise, to that said Meeting at *Aberdeen*, the said eighteenth day of *April* instant, at which tyme they intend to settle the said Excise for one Year after the first day of *May* next. And that none may pretend ignorance, the Collector is appoynted to cause Print and publish thir presents, at the severall Parish Kirkes of the Shyre, the ensuing LORDSDAYES.

Sic Subscribitur,

John Foulerton I. P. C.

*Given under the hand of Collonell
JOHN FOULLERTON of Dudwick,
Preses to the said Meeting.*